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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20423

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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Richmond County, Georgia

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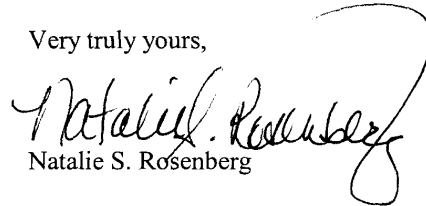
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Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is intended as an official request for an extension of the trail negotiating period in the above captioned matter that currently expires on January 9, 2004. Because the parties have been unable to finalize negotiations, CSXT respectfully requests an extension until July 9, 2004. Additionally, CSXT requests an extension of the consummation date until September 9, 2004. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Very truly yours,


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